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# News Release

## **PUERTO RICAN PREDATOR SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS IN PRISON FOLLOWING ICE INVESTIGATION**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced today that Joseph Kamal-Craddock, 29 was sentenced on June 18, 2005 to 30 months in prison to be followed by 3 years probation for possessing child pornography.

Kamal-Craddock pleaded guilty to count one of the indictment for possessing child pornography.

On March 13, 2003 ICE agents searched Kamal-Craddock's residence discovering substantial evidence that he had accessed and downloaded child pornography. He was subsequently arrested for violating Title 18, United States Code (USC) 2252.

"ICE will help bring to justice those who endanger the safety and well-being of our most vulnerable—our children," said Lydia St. John-Mellado, acting special agent-in-charge of the Puerto Rico ICE office. "We will continue to build upon our strong partnership with the U.S. Attorney's office here to ensure that those who exploit our children are brought to justice."

His arrest is part of a nationwide initiative known as Operation Predator. Operation Predator protects our children from sexual predators, including those who travel across continents to have sex with minors. Internet child pornographers and criminal alien sex offenders and child traffickers are also a priority for ICE. Since the initiative was launched in July of 2003, there have been more than 6,000 individuals arrested nationwide.

ICE encourages anyone who wants to report suspicious activity of suspected child predators and suspicious activity through our toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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